

## DOINGS IN POLK COUNTY

STORIES BY THE OBSERVER'S CORRESPONDENTS.

## Personal Paragraphs Pertaining to Movements of People Whom You All Know.

## BALLSTON.

G. H. Ball returned home from Portland Thursday.

There will be a school rally here Friday.

Mrs. H. F. Poynter has been on the sick list.

Stanley Edwards has been here visiting his brother, Homer Edwards.

Clarence Butler has been doing some carpenter work for his brother, Henry Butler.

Norman Tafford was a Portland visitor several days during the week.

Ed. Koub has returned from Salem. Leona Agee came home from Airline Saturday for a short visit returning Sunday.

The Epworth league was reorganized Sunday night and the following officers selected: President, Alfred Campbell; first vice-president, Ellen Yocum; second vice-president, Mrs. T. A. Lamm; third vice-president, Mrs. W. J. Hull; secretary and treasurer, Jesse Butler; organist, Phina Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Compton of Broadmead attended Sunday school here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Miller gave a lecture at the M. E. church in the interest of a Babies' home in Portland, Saturday night.

W. D. Ottlinger of Bellview was in town Monday.

Mrs. Wilson and daughter of Sheridan visited at S. A. Ball's Sunday.

Ed. Miller and family were visiting relatives in Salem Sunday.

Mrs. S. A. Ball has been on the sick list.

Mrs. Jacobson returned from Portland, Saturday, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Andrew Nelson.

C. A. Ball was up from Portland Friday.

## CROWLEY.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Pewtherer were visitors at Oak Grove last Friday.

Mr. Bortow of Portland was a caller here last week.

Mr. Valliere was a business caller at Oak Grove on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Williamson, and daughter Verda, spent last Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kaner Trent near Rieckreall.

F. M. Edgar butchered hogs one day last week. R. J. Williamson assisted him.

Mr. Knower was a Salem visitor one day last week.

The Misses Ada and Anna Farmer came over from Monmouth to spend Saturday and Sunday at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaner Trent were callers at Henry White's on Thursday of last week.

Mr. Elliott and son Lloyd of Salem spent Thursday night of last week at the home of R. J. Williamson and family.

Mr. Valliere and family were Dallas visitors last Saturday.

Mr. Frank Coulter of Baker City has been spending a few weeks with his sister, Mrs. G. E. Smith and family.

J. W. Edgar of the Eola hills was a caller here Saturday.

George Sherwood of Rieckreall was a caller here Sunday at the Dennett home.

Fred Wells was a caller here Sunday.

Miss Flora Clement and Oral Mallicoat were visitors at Eola Sunday.

Dr. Butler was called to see Mr. Smith the latter part of last week, as he was suffering from a fall.

Mr. Ben. Carroll and bride, Miss Hazel Valliere, were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Carroll.

Cecil Riggs was a caller at R. J. Williamson's Tuesday.

Miss Josie Holmes was a visitor at the home of Mrs. Henry White Tuesday.

## ZENA-SPRING VALLEY.

Willis Cooke, Lee and Earl Cooley took part in the stock judging contest at Corvallis.

G. H. and W. H. Crawford were business callers at Corvallis Friday.

A marriage of interest to many here was that of a former young lady of this place, Miss Celia Gilbert, now of Shaw, and Mr. Perry, who came from Alaska last fall with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Goodfellow.

Mrs. Smith and Byrd were called to the Fitzgerald home this week to set the leg of little Robert Fitzgerald, broken by jumping from the hay mow.

Mrs. Hadley returned home to Eugene Saturday, after caring for her mother, Mrs. P. F. Clarke for several weeks.

Mrs. Clarke is gradually gaining health and strength.

Mrs. Bessie Smith was up from Lincoln to spend Sunday with her sister, Mrs. W. N. Crawford.

The little baby of Mr. and Mrs.

James French is better at this writing and gaining strength slowly. Rev. Fred Stoetzel is again visiting in California.

## MONMOUTH.

Mrs. Amos Holman of Buena Vista was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hall, and other friends in town, last week.

D. B. Howell and wife of Portland, attended the funeral of their grandfather, D. L. H. White, which took place last week. Clarence Allen and wife of Portland also attended.

Mrs. A. L. Chute of Lebanon came over last week and brought her daughter Laura who entered the Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. Plesinger of Salem were visiting friends in town Saturday.

Amos Sellers, after several weeks' visit in Eugene and Monmouth left for his home in Herniston Saturday.

William Cockle of Independence made Monmouth a business visit. It had been three years since he was here. He says he hopes to see the day when the road between Monmouth and Independence would be paved.

Grant Wolverton, brother of our ex-postmaster, O. A. Wolverton of Calgary, Canada, is a guest of his brother.

O. A. Wolverton is in Portland at the bedside of his son, who is not expected to survive.

Mrs. Esther Fisher Hogue of Portland is with her mother, Mrs. P. Fisher, who is quite sick.

Rev. F. M. Fisher has not been able to preach for a couple of weeks owing to ill health.

Mr. and Mrs. Cass Riggs of Crowley, were visiting Mrs. Riggs' mother, Mrs. Bedwell, Sunday and Monday.

She has been quite poorly, but is convalescing slowly.

The citizens of Monmouth were in a spirit of mirth the first of the week, when it was announced that Charles E. Deane, our S. P. agent, had taken unto himself a wife, and that night the tin-can band gave him a first-class serenade. He responded freely with cigars. Long live Deane and his better half.

In conversation with Mr. Murdoch, the manager of the Monmouth Creamery the other day, he said in the month of January they put out 20,000 pounds of butter, which is pretty good for a creamery of its size. They are talking of adding a cheese factory to the plant.

Mr. Polan is said to be some better.

Mrs. Trent, who has been sick for some time, had a paralytic stroke this week and is in a very bad condition.

Thomas Marky, who was operated on for appendicitis at Dallas, is gaining nicely and is around the house.

Mrs. Jay Wingard is convalescing. Varley Fishback of Sunnyside was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Editor, we think it about time to call a halt on sending wheat and other staples to the warring nations. This has a tendency to keep them fighting; besides it might be, we may need it at home. There's no use of beggaring our county for those fellows.

The legislative committee on ways and means was in town Monday visiting the Normal. We hope they were impressed with the idea that we need an appropriation for a training school building.

## OAK GROVE.

Quite a number attended the meeting of the Ladies' Aid at Mrs. Lewis' on Thursday of last week.

Finley Edgar called at the home of his parents Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farmer were Sunday visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. Traglis were Rieckreall callers Saturday.

Charley Mangus was a Salem visitor the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner were Rieckreall callers Saturday.

Seth and George Smith were in this vicinity Saturday to get some wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farmer and Mr. and Mrs. Seth Fawc were Sunday visitors at the home of Herbert Fawc and family.

A number from Crowley attended church here Sunday.

Joe Pardi was a Rieckreall caller Tuesday.

## WILDWOOD.

The Wildwood school met with the Alder Grove school recently and organized a joint literary society. Miss Pratt was elected president and Miss Bliven, vice-president. Mrs. Robert Koppen and Mrs. L. D. Fry were appointed a committee on program. The next meeting will be held at the Wildwood school house, February 27.

Mr. I. J. Green is building a new addition to his house, and Emmett Mason is building a woodshed on his place. He will build a house as soon as the weather permits the hauling of lumber.

## SMITHFIELD.

There are quite a number of folks on the sick list.

J. F. Kliever was a Dallas visitor Saturday.

The Salt Creek and Perrydale basketball boys played at Smithfield two

weeks ago, the score being 26 to 33 in favor of Salt Creek.

Guy Nixon is working for C. A. McCrow.

The Perrydale boys played with the Smithfield boys on February 3, the score was 11 to 20 in favor of Smithfield. This was a very interesting game.

Mary Friesen stayed with Mrs. H. S. Voth recently.

Cornelius Fast is putting up some wire fencing.

The Smithfield boys played Rieckreall on February 5. The score was 10 to 25 in favor of Rieckreall.

Jacob and Peter Peters and Will Kodak spent the evening with Gerhard Diehm.

## SALT CREEK.

A play entitled "Molly's Way" will be given at the Salt Creek school house, Saturday evening, February 20. The play will be followed by a basket social, the proceeds of which are to be applied to the gymnasium fund. All are cordially invited to attend. Ladies please bring baskets.

Following is the story of the play: Molly Meadows, who is in love with Jack Lawrence, cannot gain his father's consent to her engagement until her older sister, Laurie, is married. Laurie is secretly married to Phillip Moore but dares not tell her father because of an old feud between the two families. Molly undertakes to untangle affairs and she and Jack elope in her father's touring car, but come to grief in a ditch. Mr. Meadows, in catching the runaway finds an old sweetheart, but Laurie, after an accident to Phil, confesses her marriage. Molly wins over Phil's father and the quarrel is forgotten. A pair of tuneless lovers, Aunt Laura and her piano tuner, Napoleon Alexander Brown, add a lively spice of fun.

Cast of characters—Molly Meadows (with a will of her own) Ruth Campbell; Laurie Meadows, (secretly a wife) Tina Roberts; Miss Laura Meadows (aunt to Laurie and Molly) Gussie Thiesies; Mrs. Rosetta Walden (an "old flame") Violet Brown; Ruth Walden (willing to love Charlie) Martha Razlaff; Mr. Edward Meadows (an irascible parent) Clarence Walker; Jack Lawrence (who thinks Molly alright) Carlton Shanks; Phillip Moore (Laurie's husband) Bud Hart; Charlie Cranston (looking for some one to love) Rollie Brown; Napoleon Alexander Brown (a tuncful lover) Silas Starr. Music by the Perrydale orchestra.

## OAK DALE.

David Heistand has sold his place here. The new owner will move in about the first of March.

Loran Butler visited his parents a few days last week, it being the semester holiday at the U. of O., where he is attending school.

Newman Dennis attended a dance at Bridgeport, given to Judd Foster, Saturday night.

Mrs. Dennis and little son and daughter, Frank and Ruth visited in Dallas over Sunday.

Mrs. Mima Murphy, who has been in poor health for some time, is improving.

Elma King and Frank Rany are helping Walter Barnhardt clear land. Joe Murphy is clearing quite a patch of new land.

Roy McDonald is putting up a wire division fence between his place and Joe Murphy's.

Bert Illingworth has been cutting cordwood for Thos. Card.

Mrs. George Robinson has been having the gripe.

Mrs. L. Fisher of Portland is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Macomber. Also Mr. and Mrs. Sparks of Oklahoma, old friends of the Fishers are visiting there.

Mr. Sundberg has been here resetting part of his prune orchard.

Fred Hughes is pruning Mr. Sundberg's orchard.

Mrs. Joe Murphy was given a surprise Tuesday evening, when a number of her neighbors came in to give her a birthday greeting. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing games of various kinds. Those present were the families of Roy McDonald, Joe Murphy, Willis Frink, Chas. Bird and Chas. Graham.

The infant son of Don Miller has an abscess on its forehead. It was opened Tuesday by a Dallas doctor and the child is doing well.

## OAK POINT.

The teacher and pupils of the Oak Point school attended the legislature Friday.

Miss Dahm spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Holman at West Salem.

Mr. Archart was in Salem Friday on business. While there he attended the legislature.

Mr. Lou and Allyn Chase were business visitors in Salem Friday.

Professor Archart and wife of Monmouth spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Archart.

Mrs. Branch and daughter were week-end visitors in Salem.

Miss Emma Montgomery returned home Saturday after spending several days with friends in Salem.

## DUE TO PARCEL POST

ORDER INCREASING WEIGHT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEFICIT.

Refusal to Extend Rural Mail Service and to Give Needed Facilities Criticized.

A large portion of the \$70,000,000 deficit in the federal treasury, a deficit which promises to exceed \$80,000,000 before the close of the fiscal year, has been found, on investigation, to have been incurred by the postoffice department, says a Washington dispatch. Furthermore, investigation shows that the bulk of the deficit in the postal service is attributable to the parcel post, which is now operated, is a losing venture.

Sooner or later, the administration of the postoffice department under Mr. Burleson is coming in for a public airing, and particular attention will be given to the changes which the present postmaster-general has made in the parcel post service. Exercising arbitrary authority conferred on him by the parcel post law, Mr. Burleson long ago ruled that packages weighing up to 50 pounds each might be shipped by parcel post in the first two zones.

Prior to the issuance of that order, 20 pounds was the maximum weight. The deficit that is daily growing larger in the postoffice department is almost, if not entirely, chargeable against the 50-pound order of Postmaster-General Burleson.

It has been known for some time that the postoffice department has refused to establish new star routes; it also has been known that hundreds of star routes have been discontinued and that service on both star routes and rural routes has been reduced in frequency, on the plea of economy. The postmaster-general also has raised the rate that rural free delivery, as now conducted, is extravagant, and that the same service could be rendered for less money if rural carriers were required to work under contract, as do the star route carriers. The entire effort of the postmaster-general has been to make it appear that so much of the deficit as is chargeable to the postal service is due to the high price paid by the department to star route and rural carriers.

The facts, as now in possession of the president and the secretary of the treasury, show conclusively that the postal deficit is due rather to the high cost of service that has resulted from raising the weight limit under the parcel post law. In rural communities, the parcel post, with a 50-pound limit, has replaced both express and freight service, and whole communities are getting their supplies now by mail, instead of through regular channels for transportation. Carriers have been loaded down with mails more bulky than they expected to handle and so greatly has the weight of the mails grown under the 50-pound order that the cost of the service is out of all proportion to the revenues derived therefrom.

In other words, the government is spending more to maintain the parcel post than the parcel post yields, and in order to economize the postmaster-general is seeking to cut down the pay of rural carriers, to beat down star route contractors and to curtail the rate of railway mail pay.

Men in congress who are friendly to the parcel post and who want to see it continued raise the contention that the postmaster-general is tackling his problem from the wrong angle; that instead of curtailing the pay of those who carry the mails he either should abandon his 50-pound order, which has made the parcel post too cumbersome, or should increase the charge for carrying bulky packages by mail. The present mail rates are so much lower than express, and often freight rates, that the competitors of the parcel post are being put out of business, and in doing this the postoffice department is piling up a tremendous deficit in the government treasury.

The house of representatives has refused to act on the recommendation of Postmaster-General Burleson with regard to the pay of rural carriers, star route carriers and railway mail pay and if the senate gets a chance at those proposed reforms it is likely to stand by the house.

Postage to Germany Raised.

As a result of the war conditions in Europe, the postmaster-general has issued an announcement that the postage charge for letters from the United States to Germany henceforth will be 5 cents instead of 2 cents. The 2-cent rate was allowed under arrangement on all mail going by direct water route to Germany, but since the beginning of the war the mail must go through other countries that are under the 5-cent rate of the postal union. Letters mailed without sufficient postage will be dispatched, subject to a charge double the amount of postage due.

It keeps some people busy trying to look innocent.

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

Under and by virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, on the 30th day of January, 1915, upon an order of sale and decree of foreclosure given and made by said Circuit Court on the 23rd day of January, 1915, in a suit then pending in said Court wherein W. J. Southwell was plaintiff and Anna Richey, Charles J. Richey, J. V. Dennis and W. D. Baneroff were defendants, (Register No. 4581), and to me, the undersigned, Sheriff of the County of Polk, directed, I am commanded to sell, at public auction, in the manner prescribed by law, the following described real property, to-wit:

Beginning at a point in the center of the County Road 95 feet South and 272 feet North 77 degrees West from the Southeast corner of the Theodore C. Sharp Donation Land Claim, Claim No. 55, in Township 8 South, Range 6 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Polk County, State of Oregon, and running thence North 77 degrees West along the center of said road 56 feet to the Southeast corner of a parcel of land released from the mortgage from Anna Richey and husband to Ralph Williams, recorded April 25, 1910, on page 357 of Vol. 29 of the Polk County, Oregon, Mortgage Records; thence North 13 degrees East 150 feet; thence North 77 degrees West 50 feet; thence South 13 degrees West 83 feet, more or less, to the West line of the lands described in said mortgage; thence North to the bank of the Luckiamute river; thence along the bank of said river 127 feet to a fir tree; thence East 30 feet; thence North to the flume ditch; thence along said ditch to a point North of the Northeast corner of the R. R. Bettis property, described in said mortgage; thence South to the Northeast corner of said Bettis property; thence North 77 degrees West 62 feet, and thence South 13 degrees West 150 feet to the place of beginning, being the real property described in said mortgage; excepting the parcel of land released therefrom.

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 6th day of March, 1915, at one o'clock p. m. of said day, at the front door of the County Court House, in the city of Dallas, in Polk County, State of Oregon, I will, in obedience to said execution and order of sale, sell the above described property, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated this 30th day of January, 1915.

JOHN W. ORR,  
Sheriff of Polk County, Oregon.

OSCAR HAYTER,  
Attorney for plaintiff. 96-5t.

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Beginning at a point 25.25 chains North and 5.80 chains East from the Southwest corner of the Isaac Levens and wife Donation Land Claim, Notification No. 1063, in Townships 7 and 8 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Polk County, Oregon; thence North 26 degrees West 13.00 chains to the West line of said Donation Land Claim; thence North 7.25 chains; thence East 14.29 chains; thence North 3.80 chains; thence East 1.38 chains; thence South 3.80 chains; thence East 6.98 chains to the Northwest corner of the City View Addition to the city of Dallas; thence South 18.94 chains along the west boundary line of said addition to the center of the County Road leading to Falls City, and thence West 17.00 chains to the place of beginning.

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Sheriff of Polk County, Oregon.

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Attorney for plaintiff. 96-5t.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the county court of Polk County, Oregon, appointed administrator of the estate of Gerhard J. Quiring, deceased, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same, duly verified as required by law, to the undersigned at the law office of L. D. Brown, Dallas, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this February 9th, 1915.

JOHN W. QUIRING,  
Administrator of the estate of Gerhard J. Quiring, deceased.

L. D. BROWN,  
Attorney for the Estate. 98-5t.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Alice F. Thun, deceased, by the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, and has qualified.

Now, therefore, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned administrator at the office of the Polk County Observer, at Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated January 19, 1915.

ERNEST THUN,  
Administrator of the estate of Alice F. Thun, deceased.

CLARENCE BUTT,  
Attorney for Estate. Jan19-Feb16

In the County Court of Polk County, State of Oregon.—In the matter of the estate of R. W. Hedden, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that the undersigned has been appointed as administrator of the estate of R. W. Hedden, deceased, by the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned at the law office of W. C. Winslow, Room 306 Salem Bank of Commerce Building, Salem, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 13th day of January, 1915.

C. T. Hoover, administrator.

W. C. Winslow, Attorney for Estate. Jan.15-Feb.12

## NOTICE OF RESIGNATION.

Notice is hereby given that David D. Peters, administrator of the estate of Isaac Dyck, deceased, has filed with the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, his written resignation as such administrator, and the said Court has set Wednesday, the 24th day of February, 1915, at the hour of 10.00 a. m. as the time, and the County Court room in Dallas, Oregon, as the place for hearing said matter.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 1915.

DAVID D. PETERS,  
Administrator aforesaid.

Jan.25-Feb.23

## SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County.

Bank of Helix, a Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. P. O. Martin and Minnie Martin, his wife, Defendants.

To P. O. Martin and Minnie Martin, the above named Defendants:

In the name of the state of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons; and you will take notice that if you fail to appear or plead within that time, plaintiff for want thereof will take judgment against you for the relief prayed for in plaintiff's complaint herein, to-wit: Judgment for the sum of \$2700.00, together with interest thereon at 8 per cent per annum from March 23, 1914, until paid, and for the further sum of \$250.00 Attorneys' fees and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements of this suit; and for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage made by you and each of you to the Bank of Helix on the 25th day of September, 1909, covering the North Half of Lots 1 and 2 in Block No. 14 in the Dallas Land & Improvement Company's Addition to the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, and for the sale of said property and foreclosing you and each of you from any and all interest therein.

This summons is issued pursuant to an order of the Hon. H. H. Belt, Judge of the above entitled court, duly made and entered on the 4th day of January, 1915, directing that publication hereof be made once each week for a period of six consecutive weeks in the Polk County Observer and the first publication thereof is made pursuant to said order on the 5th day of January, 1915.

OSCAR HAYTER & RALEY &